

Regular City Council Meeting  
March 12, 2013  
7:30 PM

**A. Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Sheldon Snow.

**Council Members Present:** Verlin Springer, Claire Blackburn, Rick Weber and Mary Harris. Mary Ann Platt was absent from the meeting.

**Staff present:** Doyle Sobba and Jake Strobel. Marla Gadelman was attending training.

**Guests Present:** Barbara Lane, Donna Thompson, Connie Weber, Doug McIntosh, Helen Feuerborn and Rick Howard.

**B. Public Comment:** Barbara Lane representing Richmond Community Building, announced that there has been a change of officers for Richmond Community Building. The President is now Darlene Springer and she will be the point of contact for building rental. Darlene Springer's cell phone is (785) 214-9676. Ken Manwarren is Vice-President; Rick Weber is Treasurer; and Margaret Moore is Secretary.

Connie Weber wanted to thank Doyle Sobba, Jake Strobel and Scott Snow for snow removal and keeping our roads clear of the snow.

**C. Approval of Minutes of Meetings:** Rick Weber made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the February 12, 2013, Regular Meeting. Claire Blackburn seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, with Verlin Springer abstaining, motion passed.

**Approval of Monthly Expenses:** After discussion, Verlin Springer made a motion to approve the expenses paid since the February 12, 2013 meeting. Mary Harris seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

**D. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**1. Consideration of Cereal Malt Beverage License for Patricia Watson, d/b/a The Highway Grill.** This is an application for a license for consumption on the premises. A KBI background check was clean. After discussion, Verlin Springer made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Patricia Watson, d/b/a The Highway Grill for consumption on the premises. Rick Weber seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

**2. Consider investment of excess City fund.** The City Clerk asked that the Council be thinking about how the City could invest some of the City funds. The Clerk was having a hard time finding banks that would respond with rates. No action was taken at this time.

**3. Other City Business. Dump truck.** Jake Strobel provided information on a dump truck that he has found. Jake Strobel informed that Council that he had been checking on dump trucks for several months. The Council had previously approved that purchase of a dump truck with authority to spend up to \$8,000. Jake Strobel will check out the dump truck and continue

to search for other available truck. No action was taken at this time. A special meeting may be called if Jake believes the dump truck would be beneficial to the City.

**Emergency Radios.** Mayor Snow informed the Council that he spoke with the Richmond Fire Chief about putting a hand-held emergency radio in each of the Department's trucks. Two additional radios could be used by city employees in the event of a disaster. The Fire Department plans to rotate the radios so that the batteries are cycled and not just sitting on the charger. The City could donate a portion of the costs of the radios if it decided to do so, but the radios will be purchased by the Fire Department regardless. Claire Blackburn stated that she would rather the City purchase their own radios and be in control of keeping them up and knowing where they are located. Doyle Sobba will talk to Alan Radcliffe, Franklin County Emergency Preparedness, concerning other options. Jake Strobel and Doyle Sobba will be getting their emergency badges this week. No action was taken at this time.

**E. Staff Reports.** Jake Strobel reported that he had pushed a lot of snow which resulted in some repairs on the snow plow. Jake is working on a back-flow preventer for the bulk water sales as recommended by the State.

Doyle Sobba reported that he and the City Clerk would be working on the Water Conservation Plan. City-wide cleanup will be April 4, 5 and 6.

After the snow plows comes off the truck, Doyle would like to take the truck to Penka Auto for repair of an exhaust gasket leak. Snow removal is hard on trucks. Two new log chains were recently purchased after breaking the two old chains during the snow storm.

Doyle Sobba reported that our water level at the lake has risen some.

**F. Council Comments and/or Reports.** Verlin Springer reported that there are three ideal locations at the City Lake for BBQ grills, and other four where campers have created a fire pit while camping.

Verlin Springer would like to have the lake depth measured so that we would have a better idea of how much water is in the lake and when we should start to worry.

Verlin Springer reported that brush is starting to grow on the back of the dam again and he didn't believe it would take much work to remove it. Doyle Sobba reported that last summer we sprayed all the brush with chemicals and are waiting until the brush is dead to remove it.

Our water sales agreement with Anderson County is way out of date. We need to get the agreement updated, including the price per gallon and the amount of water we are willing to sell. Doyle Sobba explained the purpose of the agreement is so that if there is an emergency we can sell water to Anderson County Rural 4 and they can sell to the City with the price already agreed upon. Blaine Finch will be contacted to update the agreement.

Verlin Springer stated that the City should seriously consider the recommendations that KDHE gave the City. Although Jake and Doyle have worked on some issues, the City has not done anything about the nursing home problems of towels and gloves and clothing being flushed into the sewer system and causing problems with the sewer pumps causing rebuilds of the

pumps. The nursing home has failed to do anything about the problems even though they have been notified over the years. Verlin believes the nursing home should be required to put a catch basket in their cleanout or grinder on their system to prevent these problems or they should be paying a higher sewer rate.

Barbara Lane suggested splitting the cost for a grinder with the nursing home.

Doug McIntosh suggested putting a trap on the line at the nursing home so that if it plugs the nursing home will need to figure out how to deal it.

The blockage becomes a safety issue when the blockage occurs and only one person is on duty, like on the weekend, trying to clear the blockages.

After further discussion, Claire Blackburn made a motion that we ask Blaine Finch to provide legal notice to the nursing home notifying them of their sewer problems. Mary Harris seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Mayor Snow announced that City Wide Cleanup is April 4, 5 and 6. Pet vaccination day is April 25. Free dump days are April 19 and 20 if you want to haul to the transfer station.

**Adjournment:** Claire Blackburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Weber seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

APPROVED:

By:   
Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Marla Gadelman, City Clerk